

What to Bring, What to Wear

Please bring your own drinks and lunch. Tap water is available for drinking if needed.

We suggest you wear:

- ✓ Durable outdoor footwear
- ✓ Long pants
- ✓ Hat with brim or visor
- ✓ Sunscreen

Field Trip Locations

* Groups have their choice of three locations, each having other recreational opportunities. Maps and directions will be provided upon booking field trips to:

* Year-round

Zuma Canyon (near Zuma Beach)
5700 Bonsall Drive
Malibu, CA 90265

* November to April

Paramount Ranch
2903 Cornell Road
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Rancho Sierra Vista / Satwiwa
4122 West Potrero Road
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Scheduling a Field Trip

Please contact the EcoHelpers Coordinator for an application form – fill out and send to the address below.

For more information, contact :

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National Recreation Area
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Planting In the Park



A restoration program of
the National Park Service,
in cooperation with the
California Coastal
Conservancy





Restoring National Parklands

Restoration Visits

Planting in the Park invites community groups to help restore and maintain the health and beauty of the local environment. Volunteers plant native plants to improve biodiversity and water quality, and learn about local ecology in a natural area. Programs take place year-round at Zuma Canyon in Malibu, and Nov-April at Paramount Ranch in Agoura Hills and Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa in Newbury Park.

The program is **free**, and bus reimbursement is available for groups of 20 or more.

We Need Your Help

Parklands in the Santa Monica Mountains contain a variety of plant communities: Coastal Sage Scrub, Chaparral, Oak Woodland, Riparian (streamside), and Grassland. There are numerous hiking, biking, and equestrian trails that are widely used because of the unique scenic value of the area. At most park entries, native vegetation has been removed by prior livestock grazing and agriculture. We are actively working to restore these areas to their native habitat.



On-Site Program

Arrival

Groups arrive in the parking lot and are met by a park ranger. Guidelines are given for a safe and enjoyable visit, and restrooms are available before the planned activities begin.

Planting

After a short walk to the restoration site, the group will be given a planting demonstration and each person or family will plant, mulch, and water a few 1-gallon plants each. Invasive weeds may be hand-pulled if needed, as they can impair the growth and survival of new native plants.

Hike

Following planting, the group will be led on an optional 1-hour explorative walk through Zuma Canyon with a park ranger. This is an excellent opportunity to see the park and its natural resources, learn about the native plants you planted, and get some fresh air and exercise.



Lunch

After the program, you may bring a lunch to enjoy in a shady picnic area.



After Lunch

Groups are welcome to venture out on a longer hike, or visit other park sites or the beach nearby. A typical planting program lasts 2-3 hours, but can vary depending on the group's schedule.